

*Power emergency in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy proved need for power authority to have resources at ready and an action plan in place for response efforts*

Melville, NY—Today, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) called on the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to make all the necessary preparations ahead of Winter Storm Nemo, which is expected to hit the greater New York area tomorrow and continue through Saturday afternoon. This call comes after LIPA's mismanagement of the mass power emergency that customers faced after Hurricane Sandy, which left many without power, heat and cell phone service for days and even months.

Rep. Israel said, "After LIPA's poor performance in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it is absolutely essential that LIPA officials detail for the public what plans and resources they have in place to handle any issues that may arise as Winter Storm Nemo hits our region. Many New Yorkers are still picking up the pieces from Hurricane Sandy, and the last thing they should have to worry about is, once again, being left in the dark and the cold. I expect a response from LIPA, so I can ensure my constituents that they will receive the service they deserve."

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, more than 1.1 million LIPA customers suffered power outages. A week later, a nor'easter left 123,000 LIPA customers without power—many of whom had had their power restored after Hurricane Sandy.

To read a copy of Rep. Israel's letter to LIPA, [click here](#) .